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1. On 26 October 1954, in the evening, two destroyers and about ten mine-sweepers lay at anchor in formation near the Dvina lightship in the approach to Arkhangelsk. At 0600 hours GMT on 27 October, they weighed anchor and sailed up the river. The destroyers appeared to be the OBROVICH types [redacted]. The mine-sweepers were of the same class as those later observed near Solombala. At the Solombala naval station, eight to ten minesweepers were observed on several occasions. They were distinguished by a four-inch gun on the foredeck, a break at the bridge, Oerlikon automatic cannons in the bridge wings, one funnel, and a high gun platform, with one Bofors cannon, aft of the funnel. All vessels were alike. [redacted]
2. At 0630 hours GMT on 1 November, a jet aircraft flew over Arkhangelsk on a western course at a height of about 1,000 meters. It had twin fuselages, straight wings, and double rudders. Two condensation trails were plainly visible. Jet fighters with swept-back wings were often seen over the city.

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Comment: Informant probably refers to OBRATSOVETS or the OTLICHNYI Class.

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